

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Member's Representation.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (K.G.F.).—Yesterday regarding a certain question our Hon'ble Finance Minister agreed that he would give some report and that he would enlighten this House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not want Hon'ble Members to assume that in their absence the House remains stagnant and will not move further. This information was given by the Hon'ble Finance Minister and possibly the Hon'ble Member was not present in the House at that time. In such an event, it should be his duty to know what has happened in his absence from his friends and he should not disturb the work of the House in that manner.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—Sir, in view of your ruling about the point of order I raised, the Hon'ble Finance Minister was totally unwarranted and unjustified in using the expression 'ignorance' against me. I was only seeking a ruling from you and the Hon'ble Finance Minister was not justified in making a sarcastic remark which was intended to question my knowledge. It was unjustified and I request that it should be expunged.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—May I clarify the position, less Sir? According to my information and to the knowledge of the Hon'ble House, we have elected the Leader of the House. We have never elected a deputy leader. If it is within the knowledge of the Hon'ble Member that we have a deputy leader, I want to be enlightened by his knowledge, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Members must remember that today is a non-official day. They are eating up their own time.

Sri V. M. DEO.—I would request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to ponder deeply over the fact that the Deputy Leader has not been elected in the House because this House has no confidence in the Congress Legislature Party.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The Hon'ble Member has nothing to do with the Congress Legislature Party. He is concerned with the working of the House.

10 A.M.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—May I know whether this House has elected any leader at any time because according to the information furnished by our Finance Minister, this House has elected Leader but not Deputy Leader.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The Leader is elected by the majority party, which is accepted here.

† **V. S. PATIL.**—Regarding the time to be allotted, the distribution of time, etc., we have to consult the Leader of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is the Business Advisory Committee for that.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—There should be consultations between the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House. In the absence of the Leader of the House, who is to be consulted? That is a point before us. According to our Finance Minister, there is no Deputy Leader. Are we to ask them to have a cabinet meeting, because it is a joint responsibility and then give a decision? In the absence of the Leader of the House, we must find out some other way to come to a conclusion; otherwise, the Leader of the Opposition will be without the counterpart on the other side. Now who is holding charge there?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Am I to understand that the Leader of the Opposition is neither able nor desirous of contacting the Leader of the House for something? Does Sri Patil mean to say that because somebody is not present at the time, the Leader of the Opposition is unable to contact? Why not have a reasonable trial? If he does not want to make up his mind, let him tell me so.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—You name the person and we will get in touch with him.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Don't make me an agent.

Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Presentation

Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Sir, I beg to present the Third Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Sir, I beg to move:

“That the Assembly agrees with the Third Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.”

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

“That the House agrees with the Third Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.”

The motion was adopted.